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SAC, San Diego

September 16,
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Director, FBI (100-356015)

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Bocov - Genl.

Information has recently been received by the Bureau that an Immigration and Naturalization Service informant has accused a member of the Communist Party of Mexico before the local Central Cell of that Party of being an FBI informant.

Such a practice for obvious reasons is most undesirable. You should instruct all Agents handling Bocov matters to be alert for any indication that INS informants are attempting to sabotage the work of this Bureau. Any indication of such activities should be brought to my immediate attention.

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AIR COURIER

Date: September 23, 1955
To: Legal Attache (100-743-G; 134-67)
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI (100-356015; 100-38406)
Subject: [redacted]

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Reurlet September 8, last, captioned "Bocov," referring to the Bureau's letter of August 10, last, captioned as above. It is noted that you refer to information contained in the Bureau's letter of August 10 that Dionisio Encina, head of the Mexican Communist Party, had stated that [redacted] was responsible for the apprehension of Gus Hall in Mexico City. You further state that the person to whom this had been told by Encina was described as a "foreigner." In this connection your attention is directed to the Bureau's letter of August 10, 1955, which stated that the person from whom Encina received that information was described as a "foreigner" instead of the person to whom Encina gave the information.

In a separate part of your letter of reference you suggest that Encina may have received this information from Jacobo Hurwitz. It is further noted that following your

[redacted] after Gus Hall's arrest [redacted]

You should be alert for any further indications that it was Hurwitz who disclosed [redacted] with Encina as mentioned above and through your sources you should make sure that adequate coverage is maintained over Hurwitz [redacted]

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Date: September 8, 1955 PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
 To: Director, FBI (100-38406) (Attn. Foreign Liaison Section)
 From: Legat, Mexico (100-743C)
 Subject: BOCOV

Rebulet of August 10 last with enclosure from El Paso of July 19 last.

The Bureau noted that someone had talked with DIONISIO ENCINA, head of the Mexican Communist Party, and had been told by ENCINA that [redacted] was responsible for the apprehension of GUS HALL in Mexico City. The person to whom this had been told by ENCINA was described as a "foreigner." In common Mexican usage this would mean that the person was a non-Mexican.

It is, of course, not surprising that the Mexican Communist Party should suspect [redacted] in connection with the GUS HALL arrest because all one has to do is analyze the make-up of the group and to recall that JACOB HURWITZ was apparently jealous of [redacted] and dissatisfied with handling in Mexico of the escape route matter by [redacted]. The stature of HURWITZ is, of course, known to the Bureau as an alleged ex-Comintern or Cominform agent, and he is a "foreigner" in Mexico. It is a logical supposition that HURWITZ has not only rather repeatedly emphasized to ENCINA that [redacted] mishandled the matter, but HURWITZ could be expected to also denounce [redacted] to ENCINA. It is of interest that, following our [redacted] after the GUS HALL arrest, [redacted]

In connection with our efforts to establish informant coverage close to the high command of the Mexican Communist Party, we have taken various affirmative steps. These are described in considerable detail under point "2" of my letter of September 7 last captioned "Informant Coverage." Reference to the details set forth in that letter will indicate that we are faced with a very definite challenge and problem, but that we are attacking it from various angles. The sporadic

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Director, FBI
Re: BOCOV
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Mexican police action against ENCINA makes the problem very much more difficult because it serves to make ENCINA regard himself as almost in a fugitive status, while at the same time the police action does not result in the obtaining of information of value concerning ENCINA and the Mexican Communist Party. The police action consists of a harassing effort involving arrest, detention for a few hours, and then release. This action does not result from any genuine Mexican Government anti-Communist policy, but thus far appears to be the personal operation of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police, General MIGUEL MOLINAR. This and similar Mexican police action which takes place from time to time is aimed against "agitators" rather than subversives in a broader sense.

This matter will continue to receive my closest attention, and the Bureau will be advised of informant coverage results which we are able to develop.

One extra copy of instant communication is being furnished the Bureau for transmittal to the El Paso Division

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1 - MR. BELMONT

September 15, 1955

SAC, Philadelphia

Director, FBI

- 1 - C. L. Green
- 1 - Section Tickler
- 1 - Mr. Ferris

BORDER CROSSING PRIVILEGES
FOR MEXICAN INFORMANTS

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o Creeden

SA J. J. Creeden, Jr., who is presently assigned to the American Consulate at Monterrey, Mexico, is on leave in the United States and is residing with his mother, Mrs. Rosella C. Creeden, [redacted] Pennsylvania. Under date of 9/9/55 Mr. Creeden submitted his comments regarding the possibility of securing U. S. Border-crossing cards for Mexican informants. Mr. Creeden's comments dealt with the possibility of obtaining such cards through the Consulate to which he is assigned. It is requested, however, that you contact Mr. Creeden and obtain his further comments relative to the possibility of his utilizing his consular position to obtain on a confidential basis border-crossing cards for the informants when necessary from the border Consulates at Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, Piedres Negres, and Juarez.

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It is further requested that this matter be handled expeditiously.

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Cover memo Belmont to Boardman, 9/14/55, re "Border crossing Privileges for Mexican Criminal and Security Informants." NLF:dje

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, OCTOBER 3, 1955

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Transmit the following message to: LEGAL ATTACHE
MEXICO CITY

AIRGRAM

BORDER CROSSING PRIVILEGES FOR MEXICAN INFORMANTS. BULET
SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. SUAIRGRAM SUMMARY OF REPLY.

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NOTE: Bulet 9-15-55 requested Legat's comments concerning possibility of obtaining border crossing cards for border coverage informants from Consulates along the border.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. N. L. FERRIS

DATE: June 6, 1955

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: MEXICAN BORDER COVERAGE PROGRAM

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The conference at El Paso on June 2 and 3, 1955, brought forth discussion, primarily from San Diego representatives, that they were experiencing some delays in getting potential security informants cleared through the various channels. They indicated that the longest holdup was clearance from the Bureau to make the initial contact. It was pointed out to the conference that of necessity, when the Bureau received a request for PSI contact clearance, one of the first steps was to request Mexico City to check its records and make appropriate inquiry, where necessary, on the person in question; that due to communications facilities and checking at Mexico City, some time was consumed.

Legal Attache Speakes pointed out that the results of the checks in Mexico are largely negative and that where they have found something, it does not necessarily touch upon a matter which would influence the Bureau's decision in giving clearance or withholding it. Considering all factors, it was believed that the Bureau should make a determination from the data supplied by the field, together with information in the Bureau's records, and that although we should, of course, continue the Mexico City check, the Bureau should give a decision to the field re contact without waiting for a reply from Mexico City. Should Mexico City then come up with some derogatory data, it can be given to the field with new instructions if necessary, even though the initial contact has already been made.

I would like to have you give this some very serious consideration to see if we are exposing ourselves to unnecessary risks by following this new procedure; whether it is practical and could be considered a calculated risk which is outweighed by the more expeditious means by which these clearances will be handled. Mr. Belmont favors the new procedure unless, of course, it runs contra to some existing policy which neither he nor I know about at this time.

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Date: September 30, 1955

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico City [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

There is forwarded herewith a confidential informant writeup on [redacted] who has been developed as a b7D PSI through the use of [redacted] as a cutout.

[redacted] joined the PCM in Monterrey in 1938 as b7D a member of the [redacted] of the PCM. He continued as an active member of this [redacted] until 1947 at which time his employment with [redacted] S.A., was terminated and he left [redacted].

[redacted] states from the time that such employ- ment was terminated he gradually withdrew from PCM activities. He was never disciplined or expelled from the PCM and was in good standing at the time he ceased activities, which was toward the end of 1947. During the period from 1938 to 1947, [redacted] held several positions of leadership in [redacted] and also served on [redacted] of the PCM of Nuevo Leon for a three-year period.

[redacted] volunteered to [redacted] to reactivate himself in the PCM in order to assist [redacted] who carries credentials as an agent of Direccion Federal de Seguridad in Mexico. He has been successful in being readmitted to the PCM and at present is furnishing information to [redacted] on a daily basis regarding PCM activities. This information is being furnished on the same basis to the Resident Agent in Monterrey. The information when compared with that furnished by other established sources has reflected that it is reliable. It is being furnished under the code name "HIERRO" and reports are written in the third person. [redacted] is under the

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Director, FBI

Re: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

September 30, 1955

impression that he is reporting to the Federal Security Police (Direccion Federal de Seguridad). He is not acquainted with either of the Resident Agents in Monterrey.

[REDACTED] advised that based upon his acquaintance with the proposed confidential informant over the past several years he has noted no personality traits in the latter which would make him suspect as a possible future source of embarrassment to the Bureau. [REDACTED] advised that the proposed informant is of stable personality and of good habits. As mentioned above, [REDACTED] due to his having Federal Security Police credentials, is in an excellent position to handle this proposed informant as a cutout and, of course, as with other informants who have police credentials, we handle the matter so as to be true recipients of the benefit rather than the Mexican Police group indicated in any specific situation.

[REDACTED] is unemployed and it is believed that his services may eventually be of utility in the border area in the BOCOV program.

Bureau authority is requested to continue contacts with [REDACTED]. For these services authority is requested to pay to him the amount of [REDACTED], plus expenses actually incurred for the benefit of this office, monthly. It is requested that such permission be granted to commence on October 15, 1955, for a ninety day period to terminate January 15, 1956. It is further requested that the Bureau reply in this regard be furnished by airgram.

San Diego, California
September 30, 1955

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Director, FBI

[Redacted]

Attention - Foreign Liaison Desk

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO
STATE OF LOWER CALIFORNIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to alet to San Diego, dated September 13, 1955, entitled [Redacted] - PSI - BACOV wherein the Bureau instructs the San Diego Office to furnish complete information regarding use of torn CCM Program at Juarez and Mexico City by PSI during his trip to Mexico City in July of 1955.

[Redacted] was reinterviewed by SA ARNOLD D. ORRANTIA and SHELTON V. PARKS on September 19, 1955, at which time he advised as follows:

He reiterated that in June of 1955, PASCUAL FLORES T. came to Tijuana, B. C. from Mexico City. PSI stated that FLORES stayed in Tijuana for a few days and that prior to his departure for Mexicali, Hermosillo, and Mexico City, FLORES gave him a piece of paper which appears to be a torn portion or half of a May, 1948, CCM Program. FLORES instructed informant that upon arrival at Mexico City, he was to present himself at Union Headquarters and lay this piece of paper on the table, and that he would be taken care of.

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Informant advised he departed Tijuana, on July 5, 1955, and arrived in Juarez, Mexico, on July 5, 1955. He again reiterated that on July 6, 1955, he called at the Bartenders Union in Juarez, which is located close to the Coliseo (City Auditorium) on what he thought was the Calle Maria Martinez. FSI emphatically reiterated that at the time he called at the Union headquarters he spoke with either the Secretary of Internal Affairs or the Secretary of Exterior Affairs of the Union, and that GREGORIO PATLAN was present. FSI stated that inasmuch as GREGORIO PATLAN gave him a round-trip bus ticket to Mexico City and 400 pesos for expenses he assumed that PATLAN was either the Secretary General of the Union or at least one of the top officers of the Union. FSI stated that when he introduced himself to both of these individuals at Union Headquarters he presented both his union identification card and the torn half of the program and that both of these were immediately returned to him after being viewed by both of the above individuals. FSI stated he was not in the office over forty-five minutes.

FSI stated that upon arriving in Mexico City, he presented himself at Union Headquarters at Calle Sancoles No. 23. Upon entering the building, which appeared to be the headquarters for various unions he approached the desk of the Intendencia which according to the informant is something like the General Office Manager and presented his union credential and the torn half of the program. He stated the man at the desk returned his union credential card but retained the torn half of the program and placed it in a large log type book kept on the desk. FSI stated that in so far as he could see no one he contacted appeared to have the other half of the torn program.

In connection with this matter FSI advised that approximately two weeks ago IGNACIO CHAVEZ, who is referred to in San Diego letter dated July 29, 1955, and whom the FSI met on his trip to Mexico City, arrived in Tijuana. IGNACIO CHAVEZ contacted FSI and asked him if the La Voz de Mexico had good circulation in Lower California and whether or not it would be possible for sell subscriptions to La Voz de Mexico in Lower California. CHAVEZ also told FSI that every effort should be made to circulate La Voz de Mexico at the Agua Caliente Race Track in Tijuana, and among the various union members of the CNOC union. CHAVEZ also inquired of FSI regarding the publication of the weekly newspaper Avante, which is published by

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the Bartenders and Waiters Union in Tijuana, and whether or not it would be possible for FBI to have some articles published in that newspaper which CHAVEZ would send him.

With respect to CHAVEZ, FBI advised that during his trip to Mexico City and in his several contacts with CHAVEZ he indicated an interest in the Communist Party of Mexico. FBI made available to SA ORRANTIA a letter which he had received from J. PILLAR RODRIGUEZ from the Partido Comunista Mexicano, Casita Central Hamburgo #9, Mexico D. F. This letter in general contained the following information:

Interested Comrade:

"We have been informed by the comrades from the La Voz de Mexico, via a letter addressed by you to them, of your interest in joining the ranks of our Party.

The letter proceeds to explain the requirements for joining the Party and requested the FBI to forward his complete biography to the Central Committee who would in turn pass on it.

The FBI advised that he has already forwarded his complete biography to the Central Committee and stated he was of the belief that IGNACIO CHAVEZ may have recommended him.

The FBI has in no way been encouraged to join the Communist Party of Mexico and has been told on different occasions that any step taken in that direction is being done by him of his own will and volition.

Extra copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Bureau for further transmittal to the Legat, Mexico, for information.

The El Paso Office is requested to conduct additional investigation re GREGORIO PATLAN in an effort to corroborate the information furnished by the FBI. If possible, it is requested the El Paso Office attempt to obtain a photograph of GREGORIO PATLAN from the files of US I & NS.

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Information copies are being sent to all Border offices inasmuch as this may develop into a possible avenue of placing Informants in the Communist Party of Mexico.

Very truly yours,

H. G. MAYNOR
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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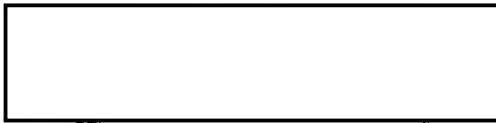
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LEGAL ATTACHE
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

1-J. S. Johnson



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BE GRANTED TO DESIGNATE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL AS SECURITY
INFORMANT [REDACTED] AND TO PAY HIM THREE HUNDRED
DOLLARS PLUS EXPENSES MONTHLY FOR A NINETY-DAY PERIOD
BEGINNING OCTOBER FIFTEEN NEXT. AUTHORIZATION GRANTED.
IT IS NOTED INFORMANT BEING HANDLED THROUGH CUT-OUT. NO
CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE IN THIS ARRANGEMENT WITHOUT PRIOR
BUREAU AUTHORITY. BUFILES CONTAIN NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: [REDACTED] joined Mexican Communist Party in
1938 but in 1947 gradually withdrew from Party due to change
in employment. [REDACTED] has been in contact with [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] volunteered to re-enter the Party. This he did and
is furnishing information to [REDACTED] on a daily basis which
is turned over to Resident Agent in Monterrey. [REDACTED] has
credentials of Mexican Federal Security Police and [REDACTED]
believes he is furnishing information to [REDACTED] because of
[REDACTED] connection with Mexican Government. Bufiles contain
no derogatory information.

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TO : Director, FBI P & C

DATE: 9/29/55

FROM : SAO, Phoenix (100-3670)

ATTENTION: LIAISON DESK

SUBJECT: BOCO Genl.

Mr. William C. ~~Dunn~~, Acting Chief Investigator, El Paso District office, US I&NS, called at the PX office at 11:45 am, 9/28/55. He advised that he would be grateful if dissemination of reports on subversive activities, organizations and individuals, could be disseminated to him at El Paso rather than to Mr. EMIL H. PULLIN, officer in charge of I&NS at Tucson, Arizona. He said he likes to keep dissemination of our reports to a minimum and would prefer receiving the material directly if that is possible. I told Mr. DUNN we would be glad to make the dissemination of this type of material directly to the Immigration and Naturalization District Office at El Paso and rely on him to disseminate to Mr. PULLIN at Tucson.

Mr. DUNN advised that an individual named [redacted] had been giving him information but he not had any confidence in [redacted] and had discontinued him. He said he understood that [redacted] is now furnishing information in the Los Angeles District to I&NS. He said he had also noticed the FBI had never been asked to furnish information about [redacted] and whether contact with him would interfere with any investigation the FBI was conducting of him. He advised that he wanted us to know that [redacted] had been handled without our knowledge or "clearance" and he asked if we had information concerning [redacted] which we could furnish and whether contact with him would interfere with any investigation we were conducting.

I told Mr. DUNN that contact with [redacted] would not interfere with any investigation we were conducting and furnished him the information furnished this office by San Diego by letter dated 9/14/55. The substance of this information is, according to Captain JORGE PANIAGUA of Mexicalli PD, [redacted] who has in the past acted as an under-cover agent of the Mexican Army in Communist investigations, has disappeared and is suspected of being either killed, or of having defected to the Communist Party of Mexico.

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Further, according to Captain PANIAGUA, [redacted] is a Lieutenant in the Mexican Army, who joined the CP at an early age and who furnished information to the Mexican Army for sometime until he was discovered and was shot in the leg by another member of the CP of Mexico. [redacted] was then allegedly transferred to Mexicali, Mexico, where he worked with the Mexicali Police as a detective. Further, according to PANIAGUA, [redacted] recently met up with the person who shot him and shortly thereafter, [redacted] disappeared. [redacted] was reportedly somewhat influenced by the CP teachings and according to PANIAGUA, the possibility exists that [redacted] may have defected to the Communist Party and may have gone underground to work for that party in the Los Angeles area, where he has relatives. The additional possibility exists that [redacted] may have been killed by his former comrade in the Mexican CP.

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On 8/31/55 [redacted] who is co-ordinating the Mexican Border Security Program for the [redacted] in the San Diego Division, advised an agent of the San Diego office that [redacted] is presently working for [redacted] in Sonora, Mexico.

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Mr. DUNN has advised that [redacted] made one trip into Sonora and has made a report of the information obtained to [redacted] at Nogales, Arizona. [redacted] has previously furnished PX with a copy of the information which he had obtained from the informant. [redacted] advised SA Walter C. Rogers that he was not "sold" on the reliability of [redacted] and that [redacted] was no longer working in the Sonora area.

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Mr. DUNN said he has had very friendly relations with the El Paso office and gets excellent cooperation from it, particularly from SA JAHN of the EP office. He said that he is anxious to cooperate in any way he can be of service.

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Bocov - General

BORDER CROSSING PRIVILEGES FOR MEXICAN INFORMANTS. REBUAIR-GRAM OCTOBER 3 LAST. BY OUR LETTER WITH SAME CAPTION SEPTEMBER 29 LAST WHICH LEFT IN POUCH SEPTEMBER 30 LAST, WE ADVISED THAT BORDER CROSSING CARDS ARE BEING ISSUED BY BORDER CONSULATES AND ALSO CONSULATE AT MONTERREY AND WE COULD EXPECT TO OBTAIN FULL COOPERATION FROM CONSULATES IN CONNECTION ISSUANCE OF CARDS; HOWEVER, IF HOLDER-S NAME APPEARS ON ANY WATCH LIST MAINTAINED AT BORDER BY INS, LATTER ORGANIZATION COULD PREVENT CROSSING PRIVILEGES SINCE INS CAN REFUSE TO HONOR VISA ISSUED BY EMBASSY OR CONSULATE OR BORDER CROSSING CARD PRIVILEGE ISSUED SIMILARLY.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
cc: Mr. Harbo

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/9/55

FROM : SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR.

SUBJECT: BOCOV - General
Possibility of Securing U. S. Border
Crossing Cards for Mexican Informants
ADMINISTRATIVE

Pursuant to the instructions of the Director, there are being set out below the facts concerning the possibility of obtaining border crossing cards for Mexican aliens residing in Mexico who, because of their informant capacity, must visit the United States periodically.

It is to be noted that border crossing cards can be obtained for Mexican citizens residing in Mexico at the various American Consulates located within the Country of Mexico. The general requirements for these border crossing cards are that he is an admissible alien and has established residence within the consular area. It is also necessary for him to show cause that he visits the United States periodically for business reasons. It has been noted by the writer that the Visa Section of the American Consulate in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico, is at the present time endeavoring to issue as many border crossing cards as possible, thereby alleviating the visitors' visa traffic which is exceedingly heavy in this Consulate. It is believed that in some extenuating cases, if the confidential informant were to establish a temporary residence within a certain consular area, that a valid border crossing card could be obtained for him through the Consulate without causing any difficulties between the Bureau and the State Department. The policies on issuing these border crossing cards by various Consulates within the Republic of Mexico are more lenient than those practiced by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service along the border.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the possibility of obtaining these border crossing cards should be studied more thoroughly, and it is quite possible that an agreement or understanding can be reached whereby these cards can be issued. It is also believed that in certain circumstances, a border crossing card can be obtained legally for a CI if there are no stop cards in the Consulate and the Consulate will in no way know the identity or purpose of the individual's trip to the U. S.

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For the information of the Bureau, these border crossing cards are valid for six years, but must be renewed every two years. A person using a border crossing card may enter the United States at any point along the border for a period not exceeding 72 hours. The above is being submitted for your information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 14, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: BORDER-CROSSING PRIVILEGES FOR MEXICAN CRIMINAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS

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On 9/2/55 SA Clarence P. Graham, Resident Agent in Laredo, Texas, was interviewed by Inspector G. A. Nease, at which time Graham indicated that he felt border-crossing cards could be obtained from the American Consul in Mexico rather than going through Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

On 9/7/55 the Director saw SA J. J. Creeden, Jr., who is assigned to the American Consul in Monterrey, Mexico, at which time Creeden suggested that the problem of border-crossing privileges for informants might be met by having the American Consuls in Mexico issue the necessary papers provided, of course, this arrangement was kept to a minimum and not abused by the Bureau. The Director asked Creeden to submit a memorandum setting forth his suggestions and ideas so that the matter could be given further study.

The attached memorandum has now been received from SA Creeden in which he advises that the general requirements for border-crossing cards to be issued at American Consulates are that the subject be an admissible alien and that he has established residence within the consular area. He must also show cause for periodical visits to the United States for business reasons. The Consulate at Monterrey is presently issuing as many border-crossing cards as possible, thereby alleviating the heavy visitor's visa traffic. Creeden believes that in some extenuating cases if the informant were to establish a temporary residence in a particular consular area, a valid border-crossing card could be obtained through the Consulate without difficulties. The issuance of border-crossing cards by Consulates is more lenient than by the INS. Creeden therefore believes that the possibility of obtaining these border-crossing cards should be studied more thoroughly and possibly an agreement or understanding can be reached whereby these cards can be issued. He also believes cards

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can be obtained legally for an informant if there are no stop cards in the Consulate which would prevent the routine issuance of a card and the Consulate will not know the identity of the individual* or the purpose of his trip to the United States. Creeden points out that these cards are valid for 6 years but must be renewed every 2 years. A card permits the holder to enter the United States at any point along the border for a period not exceeding 72 hours.

*AS AN INFORMANT

COMMENTS:

This matter has been discussed with Supervisor C. L. Green on the Criminal Informant Desk since it pertains to criminal informants as well as security informants. Mr. Green is of the opinion that each case wherein an informant needs border-crossing privileges should be judged on its own merits, at which time the best means of obtaining a border-crossing card for that particular informant could be determined.

In view of the hostility of General Swing of INS, it has become necessary to work out some arrangement so that border-crossing cards can be obtained for informants from the American Consulates, although it will have to be handled on an individual case basis, rather than on a day-to-day basis as it has been done in the past. Creeden may be able to obtain border-crossing cards for certain informants. Those cards, however, would be issued in Monterrey only if the informant had lived in that consular area. This, of course, would not apply to most of our border informants who live in the immediate border area covered by the Consulates at Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, Juarez, Nogales, Mexicali, and Piedres Negras, over which Monterrey has no jurisdiction. In addition, an informant who normally lives in the border area might become conspicuous if he had a border-crossing card from a Consulate not covering the place in which he normally resides, even though he might have established a temporary residence in the Monterrey area to obtain the card. Consular border-crossing cards can normally be obtained if there is no derogatory information available in the Consulate files. Most of our informants, of course, have security records and it may be necessary, therefore, in certain cases to reveal our interests in the informant to the appropriate consular official in order to obtain the card. In this connection a possibility exists that although the card is issued by a Consulate, INS could take the card up or refuse to honor it if they connected the bearer of the card with derogatory information appearing in INS files. That problem, however, will have to be met as each occasion arises.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

While in some instances we might be able to utilize border-crossing cards from Monterrey, from the information available at present it would appear that such cards would not be feasible in other instances because Monterrey is distant from the border area where the informants reside. Two further possibilities exist, however: (1) Creeden might be able, through his consular contacts, to obtain border-crossing cards from the border Consulates, and (2) the border offices might be able to make arrangements with the border Consulates on a highly confidential basis to issue border-crossing cards when needed. This latter situation is not particularly desirable since it would require revealing to another Government agency (in this case the State Department) that we are interested in the particular individual. It might be necessary, however, in certain instances to utilize this system and it is believed that we should explore it further.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to the border offices requesting them to furnish their comments regarding the feasibility of their obtaining border-crossing cards from the border Consulates on a confidential basis. A copy of that letter is being sent to the Legal Attache for his comments regarding the feasibility of obtaining visas through the Resident Agents handling leads in the northern part of Mexico (J. J. Creeden in the eastern part and M.M. Rink on the west coast).

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(2) That the attached letter be sent to Philadelphia asking Creeden, who is there on vacation, to submit his comments regarding the feasibility of his obtaining border-crossing cards from the border Consulates.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AHB*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE
ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

DATE: September 15, 1955

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Bocov General

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 9/12/55, analyzing the progress made by the border offices to date and pointing out that San Antonio's progress is unsatisfactory. It was stated in my memorandum of reference the unsatisfactory situation has been brought forcefully to the attention of the SAC, who is under instructions to submit his comments regarding the ability of the Agents assigned to this program to develop informants, and to submit the results of his analysis of Mexican Communists who might be possible informant material. As indicated, upon receipt of that information, if data and facts submitted do not justify the lack of progress, recommendations for appropriate administrative action will be submitted. That memorandum bears the Director's notation, "We should not palliate with this any longer. The Bureau is judged only by results and we in turn must judge our representatives the same way. H."

The Director's comments ^{been} brought to the attention of the Training and Inspection Division for consideration in connection with the recheck inspection being made of the San Antonio Office.

By teletype San Antonio has also been instructed to submit the information desired concerning the ability of the Agents to develop informants in the program and the results of the analysis of potential Mexican Communist informant material, to reach the Bureau on Monday, September 19, 1955. Upon receipt of that information, appropriate recommendations will be submitted.

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The above is submitted for your information.

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ReBulet 9-15-55 instructing that it was no longer possible to utilize the Immigration and Naturalization Service (I&NS) to obtain border crossing privileges for informants. This letter also stated that it had been suggested that border crossing cards might be issued by U. S. Consulates for informants rather than the I&NS and requested that offices receiving copy of communication of 9-15 advise the Bureau the feasibility of such a practice.

It appears that if I&NS has no information of an excludable nature about a particular informant the informant can obtain a border crossing card without mediation on the part of the Bureau. If on the other hand, I&NS files do contain such information and if the informant were to obtain a border crossing card from an American Consulate, the files of I&NS would be checked at the time the informant presented the card for entry into the U. S. for the first time. At this time I&NS will discover the information in its files and will pick up the border crossing card and the informant will be in the same position as he was in previously. A practice, therefore, of mediating on behalf of the informant with a Consulate because I&NS files contain derogatory information would not solve the basic problem. To obtain a visa or border crossing card from a Consulate, however, might be a useful tactic in those exceptional cases where admission of the informant is sought at a place other than where I&NS has a record of the informant. This should be kept in mind.

Under no circumstances are you to make requests locally of I&NS without specific Bureau authority to permit an informant to enter the U. S. If you feel that a particular case merits further consideration you should present full facts, possible courses of action and your recommendations to the Bureau for consideration on an individual basis.

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Date: September 29, 1955
 To: Director, FBI
 From: Legat, Mexico (100-743F)

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Subject: ~~BORDER CROSSING PRIVILEGES FOR MEXICAN INFORMANTS~~

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Reference Bulet of September 15 last.

The Legal Attache has inquired of LOUIS MASON DRURY of this Embassy concerning the issuance of border-crossing cards. This matter was brought up in a discreet way without any indication given as to why this matter would be of interest to us. Mr. DRURY, who has recently been inspecting various consulates, told me that border-crossing cards are being issued in all of the border consulates, plus the consulate in Monterrey. According to him, the Mexican Form 13 is the normal basis for the securing of a card. This is a white identification card carrying the picture of the bearer and it is normally issued by local Mexican authorities. It is the practice in the consulate to issue a border-crossing card upon presentation of that Form 13 and after a local name search has been made within the consulate for any adverse information of an Internal Security nature. Mr. DRURY does not feel that normally the bona fide local residence of the applicant is checked on by the consulate but the Form 13 would normally have been issued by some Mexican authority in the immediate area and the card would so indicate.

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The consulates, of course, also issue visas but the border-crossing card has definite advantages for persons who do not intend to penetrate beyond the border zone and who will make repeated crossings of but short individual duration.

Inasmuch as Resident Agent MALCOLM M. RINK has been in Mexico City since receipt of Bulet of reference, this matter was taken up with him and he has advised that he feels himself to have excellent personal relations with Mr. CLIFTON P. ENGLISH, the American Consul at Nogales, Sonora. He feels that ENGLISH would be very well disposed toward cooperating with him on a confidential basis. SA RINK points out, however, that even though a Mexican informant might have a border-crossing card or a passport with a valid visa, INS could still stop the individual from entering the U. S. if INS had a trace

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Re: Border Crossing Privileges
for Mexican Informants

on that individual reflecting derogatory information. INS can refuse to honor a visa at the port of entry whether the visa be issued by this Embassy or one of the consulates and INS can also refuse to honor a border-crossing card.

It may be noted that border-crossing cards are also issued in this Embassy in Mexico City but they do not have the popularity here that they do along the border because this issuing consulate is so far inland. This office has excellent official and personal relations with the Visa Section of this Embassy and can anticipate and expect cooperation should in the future we feel it appropriate to make any such approaches.

It is noted that the Bureau is requesting SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., for comments at the Seat of Government and, accordingly, instant communication is not intended to be inclusive of any thoughts on the matter which SA CREEDEN may have. It is noted that due to SA CREEDEN's assignment and the importance of the Monterrey Consulate as a visa-issuing consulate, SA CREEDEN will have had more practical experience with this matter than most other Agents assigned in Mexico.

Sufficient copies of instant letter are being forwarded in the event the Bureau desires to furnish same to border offices in the United States. It may be noted that Mr. LOUIS MASON DRURY, who has the title of First Secretary and Consul, has, while assigned at the Department of State in Washington, been a very friendly and cooperative contact of the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*

DATE: September 12, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AH*

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST COVERAGE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

SYNOPSIS:

OBOCO General

Following is summary relative to progress made in captioned project since June, 1955 conference setting forth details of progress made and coverage established in each community covered by individual border offices. Map of area attached.

San Diego continues to make best progress in this program. Security informants increased from 6 to 11, potential security informants from 7 to 10, 80 Communist Party (CP) members and 163 sympathizers in five communities. Coverage at rate of one informant per 7.8 party members not excessive in view of Soviet intelligence activities and general CP activities in the area. Pressure being exerted to further extend coverage and San Diego setting potential informants for possible recruitment into CP.

Phoenix covers extensive barren territory with four medium-sized and three small-sized communities with total of 26 CP members. No CP organizations but individual Communists and Popular Party organization are investigative objectives. Security informants increased from 1 to 2, potential security informants from 0 to 12, investigative informants from 0 to 6, confidential sources from 1 to 7, potential confidential sources from 0 to 7. Phoenix established basic coverage through which inquiries can be handled. Instructed to expedite investigations in order not to delay selection of individuals who might be suitable or amenable to approach as possible informants.

Albuquerque covers barren area with only two extremely small communities where no Communists or Popular Party members reside. Coverage maintained through one informant and one potential informant with potential confidential sources increased from 0 to 2 and sources from 2 to 4. Supplemental coverage maintained on American side of border continued with 2 informants and potential informants increased from 0 to 1, sources from 3 to 18. Albuquerque discreetly interviewing individuals from agricultural colonies beyond 25 mile limit to locate potential informant material.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

El Paso territory has chief population center in Juarez where 22 current active Communists and estimated 277 former Communists located. Coverage increased from 1 informant to 3, 5 potential informants to 17, 3 confidential sources to 12, 0 investigative informants to 3, 0 potential investigative informants to 1, 0 sources to 14. Other communities in area have no current active Communists but have 22 former CP members. El Paso presently endeavoring to develop and exploit 17 potential informants; also verifying or disproving allegations of Communist sympathies on part of city officials at Ojinaga to determine possible utilization of local officials in coverage of that town. Instructions issued to develop additional sources in Juarez regarding Chinese and Spanish refugee activities.

San Antonio's progress to date is unsatisfactory. Coverage expanded from 1 informant to 2, 5 potential informants to 17, investigative informants from 0 to 3, to cover 44 CP members in State of Coahuila and estimated 95 active Communists in Tamaulipas. No CP organizations exist in Coahuila and CP organization presently disrupted in State of Tamaulipas with possible exception of Nuevo Laredo. Most potential security informants developed are of the readily available type who should have been developed before. Unsatisfactory situation has been brought forcefully to attention of SAC who is under instructions to submit comments regarding ability of agents assigned to this program to develop informants, and to submit results of analysis of Mexican Communists who might be possible informant material. Upon receipt of that information, if data and facts submitted do not justify lack of progress, recommendations for appropriate administrative action will be submitted.

ACTION:

The above is submitted for your information. The border coverage program will continue to receive close supervision and you will be advised of developments.

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Memorandum for Boardman from Belmont

DETAILS:

The following is a summary of the developments in the establishment of coverage by the border offices during the three months since the June, 1955, conference. The summary is based on the monthly progress reports submitted by each border office for August, 1955. A map of the area is attached.

SAN DIEGO

The best progress in this program continues to be made by San Diego. That office covers the area of the border where Communist and Soviet intelligence activity is greatest. Although there are only 80 members of the Communist Party of Mexico and an estimated 163 sympathizers in the 5 communities in the area, the region is vitally important due to the organized activity of the Communist Party of Mexico and the fact that Dr. Julio Prado Valdez, who is apparently a key Soviet intelligence contact, resides in that area.

A comparison of the coverage maintained by San Diego at the time of the June conference and now shows the following:

	June 1, 1955	August 31, 1955
Security Informants	6	11
Potential Security Informants (In various stages of development)	7	10
Confidential Sources	4	4

Most of these informants and potential informants are mobile and able to cover Communist activities in various communities. The number of Communist Party members and coverage is, therefore, broken down as follows:

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

Tijuana: Estimated population 80,000 to 100,000. 19 Communist Party members, 16 sympathizers. Coverage maintained through: 4 Security Informants; 3 Potential Security Informants; 2 Confidential Sources.

Mexicali: Estimated population 125,000 to 140,000. 27 Communist Party members, 122 sympathizers. Coverage maintained through; 9 Security Informants; 5 Potential Security Informants.

Ensenada: Estimated population 40,000. 32 Communist Party members, 17 sympathizers. Coverage maintained through: 3 Security Informants; 1 Potential Security Informant; 1 Confidential Source.

Tecate: Estimated population 6,000 to 8,000. 2 Communist Party members, 3 sympathizers. Coverage maintained through: 2 Security Informants; 1 Confidential Source.

Algodones: Estimated population 500. No Communist Party members, 5 sympathizers. Coverage maintained through: 1 Potential Security Informant.

San Diego's 11 informants include excellent sources such as [redacted] of a former high Mexican Communist Party official who is still contacted by the more important Mexican Communists who visit Baja California; [redacted] a Mexican police officer who is a former informant of the Legal Attache's office and who has recently converted [redacted] of the Communist Party in Baja California, into one of his sources; [redacted] a Mexican police officer who handles surveillances on Dr. Julio Prado Valdez, a principal figure in the Soviet intelligence setup; [redacted] who has developed a close association with Prado Valdez to help cover his activities and contacts; and [redacted] who has furnished an up-to-date list of addresses of Communist Party members in Ensenada. San Diego also has some excellent Potential Security Informants.

Although the proportion of 11 informants to 80 Communist Party members (1 informant per 7.8 Party members) is high, San Diego has not overdeveloped from an informant standpoint due to the need for concentrated coverage of Prado Valdez and his Soviet intelligence activities as well as the general activities of the Communist Party in the area. On the contrary, constant pressure is being exerted to extend San Diego's informant coverage. At the present time there are allegations that the Communists may start a recruiting drive in Baja California in the near future. With this in mind, San Diego is attempting to set up as many Potential Security Informants as possible and place them in a position to be recruited into the Communist Party.

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

PHOENIX

The area covered by Phoenix is largely barren or mountainous territory with 4 medium-sized and 3 small-sized communities. There is no Communist Party organization in the area although there are individual Communists and a Popular Party organization.

A comparison of the coverage maintained by Phoenix on June 1, 1955, and now shows the following:

	June 1, 1955	August 31, 1955
Security Informants	1	2
Potential Security Informants	0	12
Investigative Informants* (Security)	0	6
Confidential Sources	1	7
Potential Confidential Sources	0	7
Sources	0	1

Some of the above individuals are able to furnish information concerning more than one community.

The number of subversives and the coverage maintained is broken down as follows:

Aqua Prieta: Population 13,000. 8 individuals reported at one time or another as Communists and 17 members of the Popular Party. Coverage maintained through: 1 Investigative informant; 1 Potential Security Informant.

Cananea: Population 18,890. 8 alleged Communists who make up the leadership of the Popular Party. Coverage maintained through: 6 Potential Security Informants, (2 of whom can conduct investigations); 5 Potential Confidential Sources.

Naco: Population 2,495. 9 Popular Party members. Coverage maintained through: 1 Investigative Informant; 2 Potential Security Informants; 1 Source of information.

Nogales: Population 26,000. 10 alleged Communists and 8 members of the Popular Party. Coverage maintained through: 1 Security Informant; 2 Investigative Informants (Security); 3 Potential Security Informants.

Sasabe: Population 500. No Communist or Popular Party members. Coverage maintained through: 1 Potential Security Informant; 2 Potential Confidential Sources.

* Mexican police officers who conduct investigations for Phoenix in Mexico.

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Sonoita: Population 1,000. No Communists, 16 individuals who voted for Popular Party ticket in recent election. Coverage maintained through: 1 Investigative Informant; 3 Potential Security Informants.

San Luis: Population 12,000. No Communist Party members, 29 voters for Popular Party in recent election. Coverage maintained through: 1 Investigative Informant; 2 Potential Security Informants; 2 Confidential Sources.

Phoenix has established basic coverage through which inquiries can be handled and investigations conducted relative to security subjects. Investigations are now underway on the various subjects who have been indicated in the past as being Communists or leaders of the Popular Party. Phoenix is reviewing those investigations to select the subjects who might be most willing and able to serve as security informants, after which arrangements will be made for approaches to those individuals. Phoenix is being instructed to expedite those investigations and not to delay the selection of individuals to be considered as Potential Security Informants until all of the investigations are completed but rather to give consideration to each subject as his or her investigation is completed in order to determine whether or not that subject might be suitable and amenable to an approach.

ALBUQUERQUE

This office covers approximately 200 miles of border area which is largely desert and which contains only two population centers, El Berrendo, a Mexican customs checking point populated only by the customs officers and their families; and Las Palomas, population from 150 to 200. There are no Communists or Popular Party members in these two settlements. In addition, the Albuquerque office is endeavoring to establish coverage in the agricultural colonies south of the 25-mile border area which have allegedly been Communist infiltrated.

A comparison of Albuquerque's coverage on the Mexican side of the border and that maintained on June 1, 1955, shows the following:

	June 1, 1955	August 31, 1955
Security Informant	1	1
Potential Security Informant	1	1
Potential Confidential Sources	0	2
Sources	2	4

Coverage maintained on the American side of the border in connection with the border coverage program:

	June 1, 1955	August 31, 1955
Security Informants	2	2
Potential Security Informants	0	1
Sources	3	18

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

Due to the sparse population in the area, Albuquerque has also developed special sources in the communities of the American side of the border where possible subversives coming from Mexico might conceivably make contact. Some of these sources cover more than one community and furnish coverage as follows;

Columbus, New Mexico: 8 Sources; 1 Potential Confidential Source; 1 Potential Security Informant.

Hachita, New Mexico: 2 Sources.

Wilma, New Mexico: 1 Source

Deming, New Mexico: 2 Sources

Lordsburg, New Mexico: 1 Source

Silver City, New Mexico: 1 Source

Santa Rita, New Mexico: 1 Source

Central, New Mexico: 1 Source

Las Cruces, New Mexico: 1 Source; 1 Security Informant.

Albuquerque has been interviewing individuals from the agricultural colonies south of Las Palomas, on a discreet basis, in order to locate individuals who might be in a position to furnish information or who might be susceptible to development as informants. This program must, of course, be handled most discreetly.

EL PASO

El Paso covers the populated area of the Chihuahua border from Juarez east. The principal population point is Juarez and there are several small communities with extended barren stretches of territory between.

Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman

A comparison of coverage maintained by the El Paso office on June 1, 1955, and now shows the following:

	June 1, 1955	August 31, 1955
Security Informants	1	3
Potential Security Informants	5	17
Confidential Sources	3	12
Investigative Informants	0	3
Potential Investigative Informants	0	1
Sources	0	14

Several of the above persons are able to furnish information relative to more than one area. The breakdown on the Communists and coverage of each community is as follows:

Juarez: Estimated population 165,000. 22 Current active Communists; estimated 277 former Communist Party members. Coverage maintained through: 3 Security Informants; 17 Potential Security Informants in various stages of development; 8 Confidential Sources; 3 Investigative Informants; 1 Potential Investigative Informant; 11 Sources.

Zaragoza: Estimated population 5,000. Active Communists - none; 4 former Communist Party members. Coverage maintained through: 2 Investigative Informants; 1 Potential Investigative Informant; 4 Confidential Sources.

Guadalupe Bravos: Estimated population 1,853. No active Communists or former Communist Party members. Coverage maintained through: 2 Investigative Informants; 1 Potential Investigative Informant; 4 Confidential sources.

Ojinaga: Estimated population 6,500. No active Communists known; 4 former members of Communist Party. Coverage maintained through: 1 Confidential Source.

Praxides G. Guerrero: Estimated population 3,800. No active Communists; 5 former Communist Party members. Coverage maintained through: 2 Investigative Informants; 1 Potential Investigative Informant; 4 Confidential Sources; 3 Sources.

Manuel Benavides: Population unknown since reliable estimates are not available. No active Communists reported residing there although 9 former Communist Party members are allegedly in the area. No coverage is maintained at present. This town is difficult to reach and to get there it is necessary to go beyond the 25-mile limit. Authorization was recently given to El Paso for Agents to visit that town to make a general survey of the situation in order to estimate conditions and determine what coverage might possibly be established.

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No subversives are or have been reported in the villages of San Agustin, El Porvenir, Banderas or Bosque Bonito, but coverage of those areas is maintained through the investigative informants covering the nearby areas.

The main Communist activity in this area centers in Juarez. The coverage there includes [redacted] who helped break the Gus Hall case, and [redacted] a new informant who has been reactivated as a member of the Communist Party. El Paso at present is endeavoring to develop and exploit the 17 individuals selected as Potential Security Informants in the Juarez area. In Ojinaga caution is being exercised because of allegations that the town President and Chief of Police are pro-Communist. Inquiries to verify or disprove those allegations are underway; upon the completion of those investigations it will be determined whether or not local officials can be utilized to any extent in the establishment of coverage in that area. El Paso is under instructions to develop additional sources in Juarez to cover the Chinese and Spanish refugee colonies in that area. b7D

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio covers about 800 miles of border area of the States of Coahuila, Tamaulipas, and ten miles of the Nuevo Leon area. The territory naturally divides into 3 districts: The Coahuila border; the area around Nuevo Laredo including 10 miles of the Nuevo Leon border district; and the Reynosa-Valle Hermosa-Matamoros area. There is no Communist Party organization, as such, in the Coahuila area and conflicting reports have been received concerning the actual existence of an organized Communist group in Nuevo Laredo. The Reynosa-Valle Hermosa-Matamoros area was formerly the principal center of Communist activity in the San Antonio district. Party organization in that area, however, was disrupted in 1954, when the Communists were held responsible for some riots and 11 Communist Party members were arrested. At least one Communist Party leader disappeared and it was rumored that he had been killed by the Commanding General. The General has claimed to our Agents that he did not kill this individual but sent him to a prison. The General, however, took advantage of the subject's rumored death and reportedly passed out the word that he had a list of the Communist leaders in the border area and if further trouble occurred those individuals might also disappear mysteriously. These repressive measures have disorganized the Party in that area for the time being and there is no effective

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leadership. Dionicio Encina, the Secretary General of the Mexican Communist Party, reportedly stated in the recent past that the Party will not be reorganized in Northern Tamaulipas until the "persecution" by the FBI and the Mexican police dies down. He indicated that when the Party is eventually reorganized there, it will be on a quality, not quantity, basis.

A comparison of the coverage maintained by San Antonio on June 1, 1955, now shows the following:

	June 1, 1955	August 31, 1955
Security Informants	1	2
Potential Security Informants	5	17
Investigative Informants (Security)	0	3
Confidential Sources	2	2
Sources	6	3

The number of sources has decreased as some of these individuals have been activated as Potential Security Informants.

Some of the individuals are mobile and able to cover activities in various areas.

The number of Communists in San Antonio's border area are:

State of Coahuila: 44 Communist Party members, (a slight revision over previous reports since as 3 reported Communists have left the area and 2 additional ones have been identified.) They are concentrated in the cities of Acuna, Jimenez and Piedras Negras. No Communists are reported to live in Ocampo, Nava, Guerrero and Hidalgo.

In the State of Nuevo Leon there are no Communists in the ten-mile strip bordering on the United States. Coverage, however, is maintained in connection with that established in nearby Nuevo Laredo.

In Tamaulipas there are reportedly 95 Communists with 14 in Nuevo Laredo and the remainder in the Reynosa-Valle Hermosa-Matamoros area.

The number of Communists and coverage maintained is broken down as follows:

Acuna, Coahuila: Population 13,500. 12 Communists. Coverage maintained through: 2 Potential Security Informants, 1 Source.

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Jimenez, Coahuila: Population 8,085. 6 Communists. Coverage maintained through 1 Potential Security Informant; 2 Sources.

Piedras Negras: 26 Communists reported. Coverage maintained through: 2 Potential Security Informants; 1 Investigative Informant; 1 Confidential Source; 1 Source.

Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas: 14 Communists reportedly presently active. Coverage maintained through: 2 Security Informants; 5 Potential Security Informants; 1 Source.

Mier, Tamaulipas: Population 4,000. Since 1949, 4 individuals reported as Communist Party members. None presently active. Coverage maintained through: 3 Sources.

Camargo, Tamaulipas: Population 8,000. Since 1949, 2 individuals reported as members of the Communist Party. None presently active. Coverage maintained through: 4 Potential Security Informants.

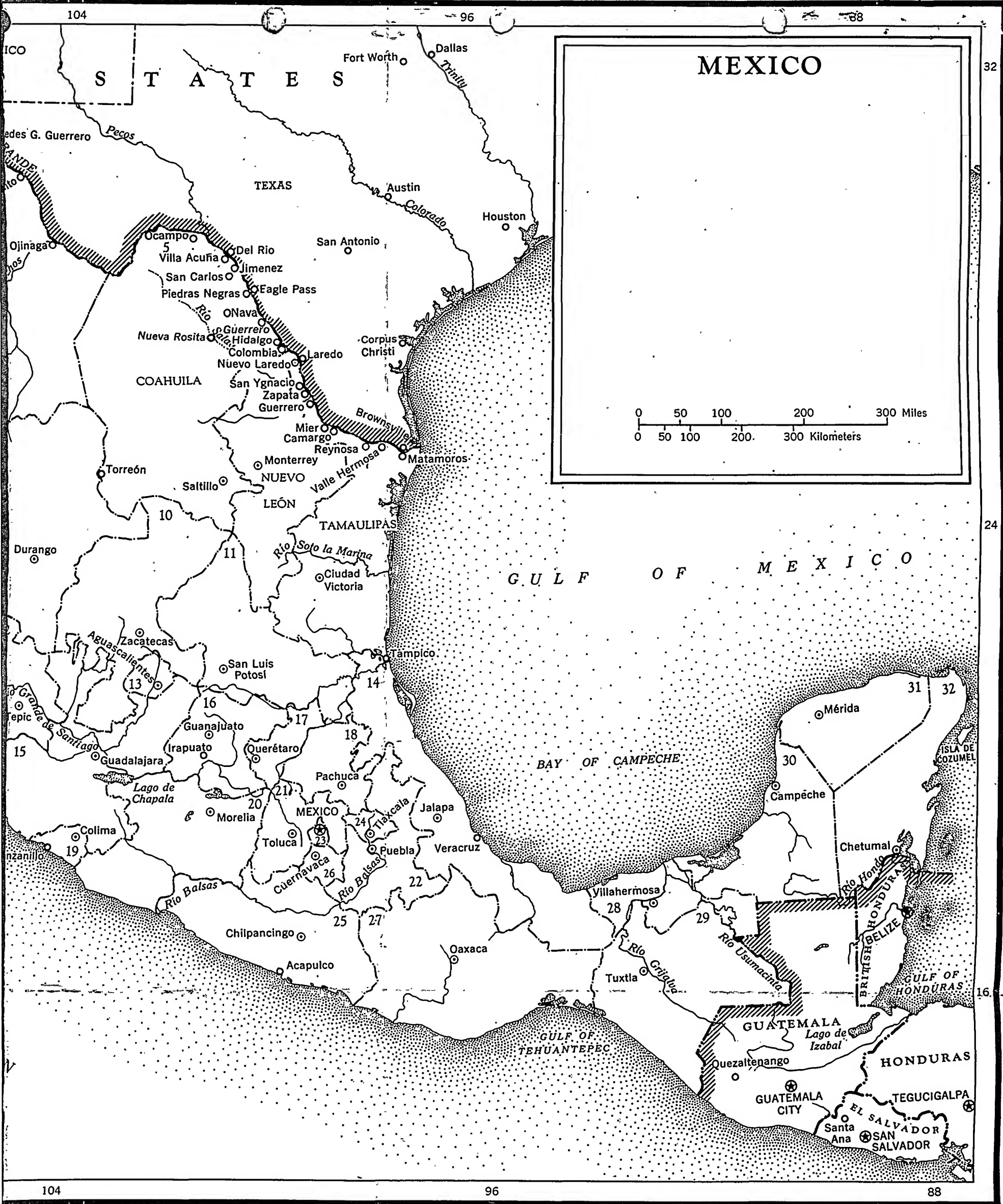
Reynosa: Population 65,000; Valle Hermosa, Population 45,000; Matamoros, Population 45,000. These communities constitute a single unit from the standpoint of security investigations. Since 1949, 63 individuals in Reynosa, 43 in Valle Hermosa, and 109 in Matamoros have been reported as Communists. At the present time there are estimated to be 81 active Communists in this entire area. Coverage is maintained through: 1 Security Informant, who is closely associated with the principal Communist figures; 6 Potential Security Informants, (including the 2 Commanding Generals in the area, and a criminal informant, all of whom are in a position to conduct investigations for the San Antonio Office.)

Although San Antonio has developed one additional Security Informant and 12 Potential Security Informants more than they had on June 1, 1955, their coverage is still unsatisfactory. Most of the Potential Security Informants are of the readily available type who should have been developed before. This situation has been brought forcefully to the attention of the SAC and he is under instructions to submit his comments regarding the ability of the Agents assigned to this program to develop informants. In connection with his August progress report, the SAC has been instructed to submit the results of the analysis he claims has been in progress since July of the various

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Mexican Communists who might be possible informant material. Upon receipt of that information it will be reviewed and if the data and facts submitted do not justify the lack of progress, recommendations will be submitted for appropriate administrative action.

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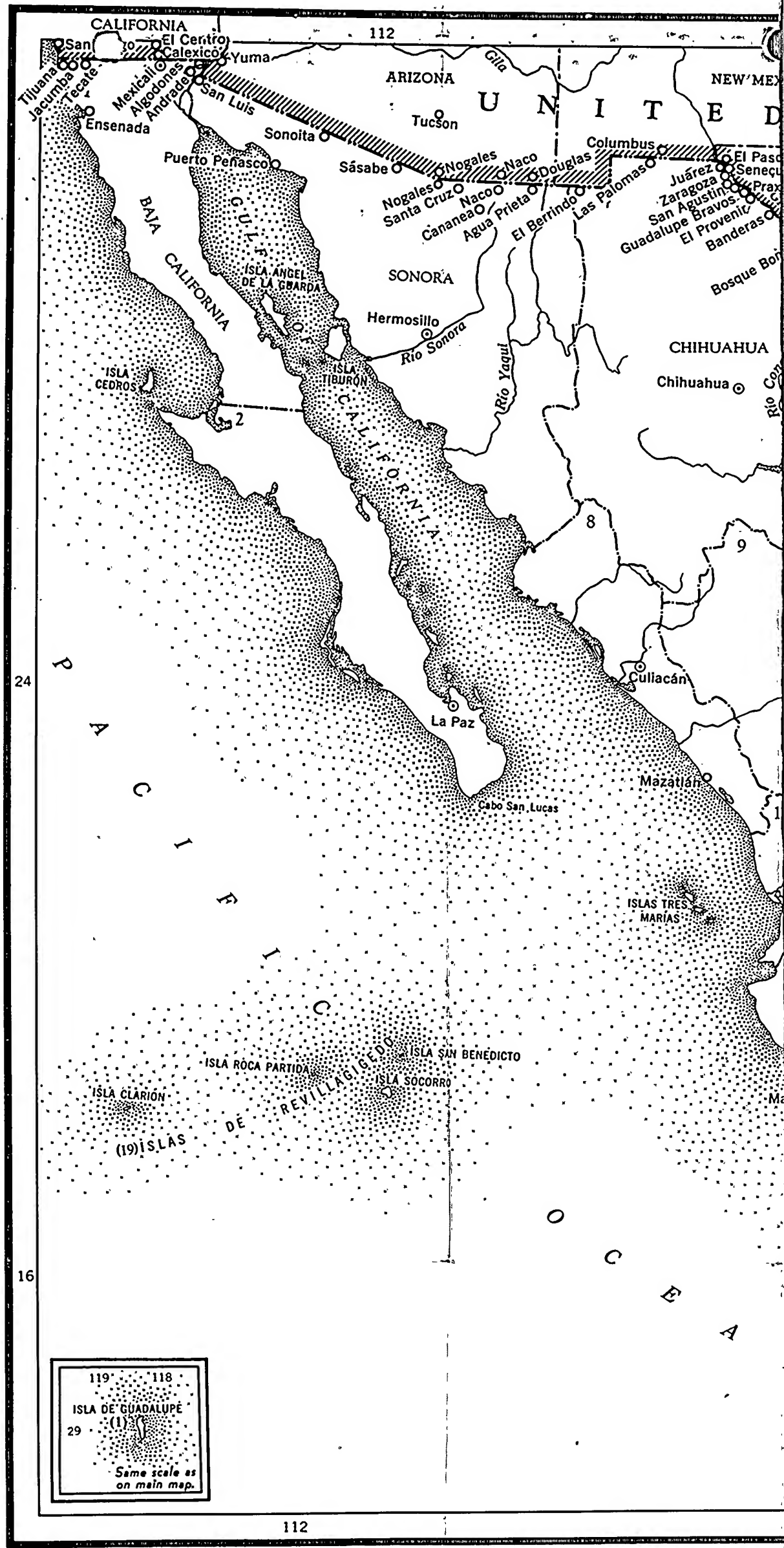


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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ah*

DATE: October 11, 1955

FROM : R. R. ROACH *RR*

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SUBJECT: BORDER CROSSING PRIVILEGES OF MEXICAN INFORMANTS

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The Director in a letter to the Attorney General 9-8-55 stated he was issuing instructions to border offices to discontinue requests of Immigration and Naturalization Service (I&NS) to permit Mexican informants to enter the U. S.

As a result of an interview with SA John J. Creeden, Resident Agent at Monterrey, Mexico, the Director instructed that the matter be explored to determine whether border crossing cards could be obtained through U. S. Consulates for informants in lieu of I&NS. The matter has been explored. (100-419580-13)

Border crossing cards are issued by Consulates; however, when presented at the border a search of I&NS indices is made and if derogatory information of an excludable nature is found the card is picked up and entry is denied. To obtain a card from the Consulate, therefore, solves no problem. If I&NS files contain no excludable information the informant could have obtained the card from I&NS in the first place without FBI mediation.

In unusual cases it might be advantageous to obtain a border crossing card or visa from a Consulate for use at a port of entry other than in the vicinity of the residence of the informant.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That attached letter be forwarded to border offices and Mexico City, which letter again instructs they are not to request border crossing privileges for informants on a local basis. If circumstances of a particular case merit, they should present the matter to the Bureau for consideration.

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Date: October 20, 1955
To: Legal Attache (100-743)
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI (100-356015)
Subject: BOCOV

Reference is made to your letter of October 1, 1955, outlining the coverage maintained by you in the border states as of that date.

A copy of your letter of 10-1-55 has been furnished to each of the border offices in order that those offices will be aware of the coverage maintained by you and can better integrate their program with yours.

Analysis of your letter of October 1, 1955, discloses that you have one informant who is a member of the Communist Party of Mexico in the State of Tamaulipas and no informants in the Communist Party of Mexico in Coahuila, Chihuahua, Sonora, and Lower California.

While the border offices have primary responsibility for coverage in the 25-mile strip immediately south of the border your office has primary responsibility for coverage in the remaining portions of those Mexican border states. Informant coverage should be established within the Communist Party of Mexico and within other subversive organizations in those areas. Immediately, steps should be taken by you to secure this coverage and you should submit on December 1 and the first day of each month thereafter a progress report reflecting progress in this regard.

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Letter to Legat, Mexico

In order that the border offices may be kept currently cognizant of the coverage maintained by you and in order that there may be no conflict in the sphere of operation your progress report should be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the border offices. Administrative matters which are of interest only to your office and to the Bureau should be included in the cover letter.

100-353015-1118

Date: October 1, 1955

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To: Director, FBI

ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

From: Legat, Mexico (100-743)

Subject: BOCGV - 601

Rebulet of August 22 last requesting a report under date of October 1, 1955, reflecting coverage maintained in the border states as of that date.

TAMAULIPAS

Reynosa Area

[redacted] This individual continues to be a contact of [redacted]. He is contacted approximately twice weekly and continues to furnish general political background data plus information on PCM and PP activities when there have been any such activities locally.

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[redacted] Continues to be contacted approximately every ten days, furnishing information on PP activities, such information tending to diminish on termination of the recent political campaign. He is contacted by [redacted]

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[redacted] He is contacted about every ten days by [redacted] at Reynosa. During the recent political campaign he was able to report on local FP activities; however, recently such activities have greatly diminished.

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[redacted] Continues to be contacted by [redacted] about every ten days and provides local political information plus information on PP activities when any have taken place.

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[redacted] Continues to be contacted approximately every fifteen days by [redacted] and is in position to report on PP activities.

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[redacted] This symbol number informant is a new one whose full effectiveness has not yet been realized but it is considered he has an excellent potential for reporting on subversive activities in the Reynosa area.

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Matamoros, Tamaulipas

[redacted] continues to contact this individual who was engaged in drawing up a list of suspected Communists and Communist sympathizers in the area. [redacted] has not yet produced this list; however, through [redacted] he is being urged to complete same. b7D

[redacted] This individual has been contacted approximately every fifteen days by [redacted] and he has been submitting information concerning suspected Communists and Communist sympathizers in the area. b7D

[redacted] This individual is a [redacted] with social and professional association in the Matamoros area. Within this circle of association there are believed to be Communist Party members and sympathizers. He is a long-time friend of [redacted] and [redacted] who has recently been in contact with [redacted] believes he will develop into a source of information on Communist activities. b7D

[redacted] This person operates a [redacted] shop facing [redacted] in Matamoros. He has an excellent local range of social and business acquaintances and [redacted] has re-established his personal friendship with this individual, believing that he has a good potential as a local source of information with respect to local political and Communist activities. b7D

[redacted] This person is [redacted] of the 13th School Zone in Matamoros and is believed by [redacted] to be a Mexican Communist Party member. He is a personal friend of [redacted] [redacted] previously referred to, and [redacted] feels that through [redacted] information can be obtained concerning Mexican Communist Party activities in Matamoros. b7D

[redacted] has recently established contact with this individual whom he describes as a former member of the Brickmasons Union in Matamoros and a former PCM member. He is now a merchant. The contact was recent, being in September, 1955, and has not yet produced substantive information but [redacted] feels this individual has a good potential for developing PCM information. b7D

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[redacted] This person is a personal friend of [redacted] who advises [redacted] is a PGM member and somewhat of an influential personality in Matamoros. [redacted] has been instructed to main as close contact with this individual as discretion will permit. [redacted] feels [redacted] may become an excellent source concerning local PGM activities.

[redacted] This individual is a friend of long standing of [redacted] who has recently reactivated the friendship. According to [redacted] is a PGM member. [redacted] is now endeavoring to develop that friendship further to the point where information on PGM activities will be coming from [redacted]. This is a recent development and has as yet not produced information but it is believed to have a good potential.

Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas

[redacted] has continued his contacts with this [redacted] during the past three months. [redacted] has continuously expressed willingness to assist [redacted] in gathering information on PGM activities in the immediate area; however, [redacted] has failed to develop any positive information. It is to be noted that the Bureau's Resident Agent in Laredo, Texas, is possibly now in such close direct contact with [redacted] as to make necessary re-evaluation as to whether the contact through [redacted] should be continued.

[redacted] A former PGM member, was re-admitted to the PGM as a member of the Salinas Victoria Cell of the PGM on [redacted] is presently employed and residing in Monterrey; however, he is willing to move to any of the border points at which his services may be utilized. He is being handled by [redacted] and he is submitting regular material on PGM activities in Salinas Victoria. He is being encouraged to travel to border points to see if he can obtain such local employment as will permit his taking up residence at a border point. Nuevo Laredo is being given primary consideration in this matter.

[redacted] has renewed an old friendship with this individual whom he describes as a labor leader in Nuevo Laredo with many contacts among PGM members throughout the State of Nuevo Leon. [redacted] is now in the process of developing this person, if possible, as a source

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of information concerning PCM activities in the Nuevo Laredo area.

[redacted] has renewed contacts with this individual on the basis of a previous friendship. The informant describes [redacted] as a member of the Electricians Union in Nuevo Laredo with knowledge of PCM penetration in the various local labor unions. [redacted] is now endeavoring to foster his personal friendship with this individual to the point where he will obtain from him information on PCM activities.

[redacted] saw this individual during September, 1955, in Nuevo Laredo, and has stated that in past years he was acquainted with [redacted]. He describes [redacted] as a PCM member in Nuevo Laredo. He has been instructed to endeavor to re-establish such a personal association with [redacted] as might lead to the development of information on PCM activities.

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon

CONFIDENTIAL [redacted] This individual was a member of the State Committee of the PCM of Nuevo Leon from [redacted]. For four years he was [redacted] of that committee. He has also served as a member of [redacted] in Mexico City. He is now reactivating himself in the Party and, though not yet a member, has been invited to attend meetings of the Steel Cell and to work actively on behalf of the Party. He is acquainted with most Communists in the northern part of Mexico and can circulate freely among them. He believes that when he is re-accepted into the PCM he should be able to assume a position of responsibility on a state level and also possibly on a national level.

[redacted] This individual has already been mentioned in connection with coverage at Nuevo Laredo. He was formerly a PCM member and has been re-admitted to the PCM at Salinas Victoria, Nuevo Leon, August 15 last. By occupation he is a restaurant worker and he is willing to work in the border area. He is endeavoring to obtain employment of this type at some border point at present, having made one unsuccessful trip and is intending to revisit Nuevo Laredo in an effort to obtain employment there.

[redacted] This individual, under date of September 30 last, has been recommended to the Bureau as a

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future symbol number informant. He joined the PCM in Monterrey in [] in the [] and he ceased being a PCM member in [] when his work in [] and in Monterrey terminated. He was never disciplined nor expelled from the PCM. He has volunteered to [] to reactivate himself and, if he becomes a Party member once more, he is willing to move to a border point. He is being contacted through [] as a cutout.

[] This individual is a former PCM member who is presently in contact with [] and making efforts to reactivate himself in the PCM. He is at present unemployed and it is believed that, should he become a PCM member and should it be desirable for him to take up residence at a border point, the same could be accomplished.

[] Weekly contacts have continued with this individual in Monterrey and she has continued to supply information concerning Spanish Communists in the area.

[] Weekly contacts with this individual continue and he has furnished information concerning PCM activities in Nuevo Leon and Coahuila.

COAHUILA

Monclova

[] This agent of the Federal Highway Police continues to be contacted at least twice weekly by the Monterrey Resident Agency. During the past three months he has furnished information concerning members of the PCM in Monclova, Muzquiz, and Nueva Rosita, Coahuila.

[] has renewed friendship with [], a member of the Artisans Syndicate in Monclova. Through []'s connection with the Syndicate, he has, according to [], some knowledge of Communist penetration in local matters. [] contemplates contacting him for information at 30-day intervals.

[] has recently contacted one [], a member of the Miners Syndicate in Monclova. The principal

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PCM activity in this region centers about the Miners Syndicate. [redacted] under instruction from the Monterrey Resident Agency, will maintain contact with [redacted] in an effort to appraise [redacted] potential as a source of information on PCM activities.

[redacted] This person is a member of Section [redacted] of the Miners Syndicate in Monclova. He has been contacted by [redacted] and has indicated his willingness to furnish information concerning PCM penetration in the Miners Union. [redacted] will continue to contact this person to develop him as a source of information.

[redacted] This person is a PCM member and a PCM cell leader in Monclova. He is a personal friend of [redacted]. Since April, 1954, [redacted] has been in [redacted]. [redacted] is now planning action to place himself in contact with [redacted] whenever [redacted] will return to Monclova from [redacted]. [redacted] does not at the present contemplate that [redacted] would defect but he hopes, through personal friendship, to obtain information from him.

[redacted] This individual, one of the PCM leaders in Monclova, is a personal friend of [redacted]. He has contacted him twice during the past three months and has obtained information concerning PCM activities. There is no indication as yet that this individual would defect but through friendliness with [redacted] he provides [redacted] with information concerning PCM activities.

Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila

[redacted] Resident Agent W. JACK CHRISTOPHERSON continues to contact this individual approximately twice monthly. He has shown a willingness to develop local information concerning PP and PCM activities but thus far he has reported that there are no such activities and no PCM or PP organization in the area has been discovered.

Nueva Rosita, Coahuila

[redacted] This individual has been contacted once during the past three months for local information and he has indicated an interest in identifying local agitators; however, on the occasion of the contact he was able to provide no information of definite value.

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[redacted] This individual has been a friend of [redacted] for many years and he has now been elected a Federal Deputy. He was actually elected by the Miners Union. In view of this development, [redacted] has been instructed to renew his personal contact with this individual, considering him as a possible future source of information.

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[redacted] This individual is a personal friend of [redacted]. He is a local deputy in the government of the State of Coahuila and an ex-member of the Miners Union. He is considered a Communist sympathizer and [redacted] feels himself to have [redacted]'s personal confidence. [redacted] has been instructed to endeavor to develop this person as a source of information on Communist activities and related matters.

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[redacted] This person is an acquaintance of [redacted] who says he is a member of the Miners Union. [redacted] is further reported by [redacted] to be a Communist Party sympathizer and to have many contacts within the Communist Party of Mexico. [redacted] has been instructed to endeavor to build up a personal friendship with this individual which will result in the receiving of beneficial information.

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Saltillo, Coahuila

[redacted] Contacts with this [redacted] have been continued approximately twice monthly. He continues to be a valuable contact of the Monterrey Resident Agency and he continues to be interested in following local Communist activities.

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[redacted] This individual has been absent from his residence for much of the past three months and, accordingly, he has been contacted but twice within that period. He continues to be interested in providing information with respect to Communist penetration of the School Teachers Union and he will report data of that nature which comes to his attention.

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[redacted] This person continues to be contacted approximately twice monthly and recently he has indicated his personal interest in attending functions of the new Mexican-Russian Institute of Cultural Exchange in Saltillo, thereafter providing information to the Resident Agency in Monterrey.

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[redacted] This person continues to be contacted approximately twice monthly. He has furnished information concerning the showing of Soviet films at local Masonic Lodge meetings and he has also taken action to see that local members of the American Legion are alerted to report any information of a subversive nature to the Monterrey Resident Agency.

~~CONF. INFO.~~ [redacted] This person has been contacted approximately once a week either in Saltillo or in Monterrey. He now has a close friendship with the head of the Mexican-Russian Institute of Cultural Exchange in Saltillo, CASIANO CAMPOS (AGUILAR). He has been asked by CAMPOS to [redacted]

[redacted] in Mexico City during November next. [redacted] has furnished valuable information concerning PEDRO PACHECO BADILLO, Coordinator of the Point IV Program of the U. S. Government in Northern Mexico.

[redacted] This person is a merchant in Saltillo who has neither Communist sympathies nor Communist Party connections; nevertheless, he is well oriented on local affairs and he has agreed to provide [redacted] with any information coming to his attention with respect to local subversive activities. [redacted] will be contacting him about twice each month.

CHIHUAHUA

Chihuahua, Chihuahua

[redacted] Contact has been continued with [redacted] approximately every three weeks. He continues to furnish information concerning PCM activities.

[redacted] Contact has been maintained with this individual at intervals of three weeks but recently he has produced no information of value.

[redacted] Contact has been maintained with this individual at intervals of three weeks; however, recently he has produced no information of value.

~~CONF. INFO.~~ [redacted] This individual was [redacted] the State Judicial Police in Chihuahua until late August, 1955. When the state administration was changed following the removal

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of the governor, [] found himself without employment. [] is at present contemplating moving to Torreon to become affiliated with police work there. For the immediate present he feels that he cannot investigate Communist activities in the Chihuahua City area.

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[] This individual is [] of Section [] of the Miners Union in Chihuahua and an acquaintance of [] of many years standing. [] is regarded as a PCM sympathizer and [] will attempt to establish closer personal contact with him inasmuch as [] feels [] will volunteer information concerning PCM activities.

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Casas Grandes, Chihuahua

[] This individual is contacted approximately every three weeks and is interested in providing data on Communist penetration in the local agrarian movement. Recently he has provided no information of value other than negative data that he notes no subversive activities.

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Parral, Chihuahua

[] This person has been an acquaintance of [] for many years and has recently moved to Parral. [] feels that [] has the potential for becoming an excellent source of information but as yet the nature of [] business and social connections in Parral cannot be evaluated. [] has been instructed to follow this matter closely.

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[] This individual, a resident of Parral, has been a friend of [] for many years. He has told [] he will report any information concerning Communist activities in that region and [] has been instructed to contact [] approximately every month.

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San Francisco del Oro, Chihuahua

[] This individual is a PCM member and a cell leader. He is a close friend of [] and the latter believes [] will confide in him details with respect to any local Communist activity. [] has made an initial contact with [] to renew old friendship and has been instructed to contact [] in the future at regular intervals of approximately once a month.

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Juarez, Chihuahua

[redacted] This individual resides in Juarez on the border and is employed at a sheet metal shop. [redacted] believes [redacted] has information about PCM activities in Juarez but [redacted] has not been able to properly evaluate this matter. Due to the distance [redacted] would have to travel (approximately 2,500 miles), he has not yet made personal contact with [redacted] but on the first occasion that he is in the area he will endeavor to determine if [redacted] is in a position to provide information of value.

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SONORA

Hermosillo, Sonora

~~CONF. INFO~~ [redacted] During the last sixty days lengthy conferences have been held with this informant in Hermosillo on three separate occasions. On these occasions Resident Agent MALCOLM M. RINK has endeavored to guide the informant so as to obtain maximum benefit from his police capacity and experience in the furtherance of the BOCOV program. [redacted] although carried under the heading of Hermosillo, where he has his headquarters, actually operates an extensive police system throughout the State of Sonora, and the policy now is to handle matters primarily with him rather than with his local police agents unless some good reason exists to the contrary.

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[redacted] has submitted nine separate written reports on PP activities and on individuals allegedly connected with the PP and PCM in the State of Sonora. He has also supplied considerable local political information involving plans of the PP to interfere with the regime of the newly elected Governor, ALVARO OBREGON.

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[redacted] Hermosillo, Sonora. This is one of the police agents of [redacted] a relatively new symbol number informant. During September he has personally reported to SA RINK regarding the identity of a Communist Party sympathizer in Hermosillo. In addition he has submitted a good report on FRANCISCO F. FIGUEROA MENDOZA, local Secretary of the Popular Party and an alleged Communist Party member. At present the future

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Re: Bocov

possibilities of [redacted] as a source of information or as an informant appear to be excellent.

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Hermosillo, Sonora. This individual continues to be contacted by Resident Agent RINK, and he has furnished information of value with respect to local subversive activities.

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[redacted] Hermosillo, Sonora. *MEX*
This individual is being contacted on a conservative basis inasmuch as he is a newspaperman. He has submitted two worthwhile reports on PP activities in Hermosillo. At present it appears that he is very willing to cooperate with Resident Agent RINK, but he is also extremely cautious lest his cooperation become known.

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Guaymas, Sonora

~~CONF. INFO~~ [redacted] This informant continues to reside and work at Guaymas and has been contacted recently on three separate road trips of SA RINK. He has supplied four written reports on Popular Party activities, and he has identified nine alleged PP members in the Guaymas and Empalme area.

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[redacted] This person is Manager of the Banco Nacional de Mexico in Guaymas, Sonora. He is a very pro-American banker who has agreed to assist Resident Agent RINK in any reasonable way. He has provided information of value on the PP and the PCM in Sonora. *MEX*

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Ciudad Obregon, Sonora

[redacted] who is a reliable American businessman married to a Mexican, continues to be contacted regularly. He has supplied valuable information on Popular Party leaders in the Ciudad Obregon area. [redacted] is very well-versed in local affairs, and he has recently placed SA RINK in contact with other pro-American persons of influence in Obregon who will be in a position to report on local PP and PCM activities.

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[redacted] Ciudad Obregon. [redacted] has been contacted *MEX*

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twice during the past sixty days on road trips, and he has supplied information of value concerning the arrest of RAMON DANZOS PALOMINO, a local agitator allegedly connected with the PCM and the PP. [redacted] has expressed willingness to conduct investigations for the resident agent. There is some possibility he may become [redacted] in Obregon under the new regime of Governor ALVARO OBREGON.

[redacted] Ciudad Obregon. [redacted] is the father of [redacted], who has been mentioned in a previous report on BOCOV matters. [redacted] is a successful American businessman who has resided in Obregon for the past twenty years. Inasmuch as [redacted] has been away from Obregon recently, Resident Agent RINK has been in contact with [redacted] who has expressed a definite interest in being of service in supplying information on internal security matters. [redacted] will be contacted on a regular basis in the future.

Due to the remote areas in which they live, no recent contacts have been made with [redacted] in Navojoa, [redacted] in Punta Peñasco, [redacted] in Navojoa, or [redacted] at Punta Peñasco. [redacted] of the Hotel Association of Sonora, was recontacted in Hermosillo on a recent date and expressed a cooperative attitude, furnishing, however, no information of particular value.

[redacted] This relatively new symbol number informant is [redacted] for the Mexican Pacific Railroad Company, and in the State of Sonora alone he has twelve railroad [redacted] under his supervision. For the last thirty days he has been on an extended trip through the States of Sinaloa and Sonora, during the course of which trip he has been personally instructing his [redacted] to be alert to PCM and PF activities and to promptly report any such local activities. He has also given a personal letter of introduction to SA RINK which instructs [redacted] to cooperate fully with RINK. SA RINK intends to personally contact the majority of these agents in the near future.

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[redacted] Hotel Mission Santa

Letter to Director, 10-1-55
Re: Bocov

Isabel, Ensenada, Baja California. [] was contacted during August, 1955, on the peninsula of Baja California, and at that time reiterated his desire to report information of value. He hoped to make a trip down the peninsula as soon as the rains subsided and the roads opened. On that trip he will be particularly alert for any indication of subversive activities below the Ensenada zone. Thus far he has reported no subversive activities in Ensenada and environs.

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[] During September, 1955, this informant, who normally is based in Guadalajara, has been on an extensive road trip covering Baja California from Ensenada south to Santa Rosalia. This area is approximately 500 miles in length and varies in width from 100 to 150 miles. It is desert territory, sparsely inhabited, and inaccessible by road during the rainy season. During the dry season the trip can be made in six days by truck. At present [] has concluded his survey of the area immediately south of Ensenada and is attempting to obtain overland transportation in the direction of Santa Rosalia. The unusually heavy rains of this year have thus far prevented any type of travel down the peninsula. [] was instructed to survey villages and ranches from the standpoint of identities of any persons possibly sympathetic to Communism and hostile to the United States. It is anticipated that his trip will be completed during October, 1955.

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Sufficient copies of instant letter are being forwarded in the event the Bureau desires to furnish same to border offices in the United States.

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Date: October 20, 1955
To: Legal Attache (100-743F)
Mexico City, Mexico
From: Director, FBI
Subject: CROGER - Capt.

Reurlet October 1, 1955, and previous correspondence
relative to the contact of [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] of
[redacted] with [redacted]

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Your letter of October 1, 1955, indicated that
[redacted] had noted what appeared to be some reticence on the
part of [redacted] since this contact. Advise if any
additional information has been received on this matter
subsequent to your last letter. Outline specifically
any information indicating that [redacted] has compromised
himself with [redacted] representative and the extent if any
to which this has interfered with the operation of your office
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SAC, San Diego

October 27, 1955

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In submitting requests to the Bureau for authorization to contact an individual in connection with the border coverage program, you should be careful to submit all of the applicable and available information specified in Section 107 (C) of the Manual of Instructions. You should also state what is expected to be achieved by your contacts and how you propose to utilize the person in the event the results of the contacts are favorable. The inclusion of the physical description of the person to be contacted will assist at the Dept of Government in a name check. Check files of local consulate and include any pertinent information.

Where preliminary contacts have been made with an individual in accordance with authority granted by the Bureau and you are writing for authority to contact the individual directly for information regarding Communist activities in Mexico, you should set out the results of previous contacts. State whether you are in a position to assure that if the person, if contacted as you propose, will not disclose to other individuals or agencies, foreign or domestic, the fact that he has been so contacted. Submit your evaluation of the informant's potential in the capacity for which you propose to utilize him together with the facts constituting the basis for this evaluation.

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Some of the border offices in submitting these requests presently follow the practice of marshaling the facts under appropriate headings. This practice is very commendable and should be followed by all offices. These topical headings will not necessarily follow the order listed in Section 107 (C) of the Manual of Instructions nor the order set out in this letter. For instance the information found from a file review may be coordinated with information recently developed under such appropriate block headings as: (1) Evidence of Past Affiliation with the Communist Party of Mexico; and (2) Evidence of Current Attitude Toward the Communist Party of Mexico. These specific block headings may vary in each instance. However, there will be no excuse for not submitting the necessary information.

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letter to SAC, San Diego

The marshaling of information under appropriate headings not only facilitates the review of the material but it helps to insure that the dictater by following a preconceived plan will include all pertinent information.

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DATE: October 31, 1955
TO: Legal Attache
Mexico City, Mexico
FROM: Director, FBI (100-356015)
SUBJECT: BOCOV

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter from the San Antonio Office dated 10/21/55. Bufiles disclose no information relative to the two books referred to in this letter.

Endeavor to obtain two copies of each publication and forward to the Bureau.

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San Antonio (100-7493)

NOTE: The 2 books, both of which are published in Spanish, have been recommended by an informant. It is stated that they would be of considerable assistance in understanding the origin and development of labor unions in Mexico. San Antonio requests

one copy of each for the use of that office. Believed that 1 copy each should be available in Bureau reference library. San Antonio will be instructed to review and summarize in Eng. copies furnished them. Summaries will be made avail. to other Border offs and copy retained at SOG.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356015)
 FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7483)
 SUBJECT: BOCOV - Genl.

DATE: 10/21/55

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ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

REGISTERED MAIL



has suggested to SA WILLIAM E. OGLESBY that two books could possibly be obtained in Mexico City or Monterrey, Mexico, which would be of considerable assistance in understanding the origin and development of labor unions in Mexico. He formerly had the books but they were destroyed in the 1954 flood at Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico. These books are:

Historia de la Confederacion de Trabajadores de Mexico, written by Lic. TRUEBA-URBINA, Assesor Juridico of the CTM;

Memorias de la Crom, name of author not recalled.

Informant stated that these two books set forth a good history of the two labor unions with dates and names of persons who have been the leaders in these movements.

The Bureau is requested to endeavor to secure one copy of each through the Legat, Mexico, for the San Antonio Office. The Bureau may further desire to furnish the other border offices with copies of these books if they can be obtained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

November 10, 1955

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MEXICO - U.S. BORDER SECURITY COVERAGE

Re San Diego letter 10/31/55, which on pages eight and nine refers to record being kept of name checks made for FBI and antagonistic attitude of Inspector Robert Welsh. Suairtel whether information concerning such record of checks being made in areas covered by your office.

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NOTE: Information regarding this matter being covered in informative memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated 11/10/55

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Date: November 3, 1955

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To: Director, FBI - ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

From: Legat, Mexico (100-743F)

Subject: BOGOV - [redacted]

ReBulet October 20 last relative to the contact of [redacted] with [redacted] is the

[redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] has been a personal friend of [redacted] for 25 years and, accordingly, he has found it possible to talk with [redacted] in a manner reserved only to close friends. [redacted] has asked [redacted] concerning the status of [redacted] relationship with [redacted] and also any significant remarks which [redacted] may have been making. [redacted] has told the informant that [redacted] on a rather continuous basis, is contacting [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] has explained that since [redacted] is [redacted]

it is possible for [redacted] to maintain this open liaison on matters of mutual interest. [redacted] states that [redacted] has entertained him, having invited him for drinks quite frequently.

[redacted] states to the informant that [redacted] has not made inquiry about the FBI representatives since the original occasion.

From the foregoing it appears that [redacted] present attitude is that he is rendering normal cooperation in liaison between [redacted] and Mexico. Any prior indications of reticence appear to have now disappeared, at least insqfar as [redacted] conversing with [redacted] is concerned.

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Director, FBI
RE: BOCOV

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As the matter stands at present, our own effective
entre to material in Mexican Immigration files has not been
damaged. The operation of our office in this regard is as
effective as it has been in the past. It is possible that
this situation will continue indefinitely, in spite of my
own feeling that it is not the wisest procedure for an Ameri-
can official to [redacted] on a
continuing basis. I feel that there is a definite risk that
some high, nationalistic official might take note of the Ameri-
can's activities and make an issue out of it. For that reason,
I feel that our own approach to the Mexican Government material
through reliable Mexican informants is better calculated to
provide continuing coverage over a long term.

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FBI, SAN ANTONIO

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ACTIVITIES OF U. S. BORDER PATROL, RELATIONS WITH MEXICAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BOCOV. ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH, ONE
NINE FIFTYFIVE A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE "EL DIA"
NEWSPAPER, MONCLOVA, COAH, MEXICO, TO THE EFFECT THAT AN OLD
MAN WAS CRUSHED TO DEATH BY A HIT AND RUN DRIVER AGAINST A
CONCRETE ABUTMENT ON A BRIDGE OVER THE SABINAS RIVER NEAR
SABINAS, COAH., MEXICO, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MILES
FROM THE U.S. BORDER ON THE PIEDRAS-NEGRAS TO SALTILLO
HIGHWAY. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH LAST.
IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR WAS BELIEVED TO
BE A U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATOR WHO WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN
FIFTY THREE GREEN FORD BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE. THIS
INDIVIDUAL WAS STOPPED BY AUTHORITIES IN ALLENDE, COAH.,
MEXICO, BUT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO BORDER. INVESTIGATION
IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO IDENTIFY
THE SUBJECT. TODAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEL RIO, ADVISED SA WILLIAM E. OGLESBY THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD

GONE TO SALTILLO AND WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE U.S. ON
NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH. HE WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN FIFTY THREE
GREEN FORD WITH FLORIDA LICENSE.

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WAS ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED IN SECURITY TYPE INVESTIGATIONS IN MEXICO. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE INJURY TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BY THIS INCIDENT, THIS MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND THE BUREAU KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Legal Attache
Mexico City
Director, FBI

November 22, 1955

BOCOV

For your information the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for several months has been working on a program whereby visas would no longer be required for Cuban citizens visiting the U. S. Instead it is planned that an INS officer will issue clearance for these people at their point of departure in Cuba. The proposed plan has been particularly criticized by the Senate subcommittee investigating subversive activities.

The Bureau has recently received unconfirmed information indicating that INS may have the same type of plan in mind for Mexico. All offices receiving a copy of this letter should be alert for any information so indicating and it should be expeditiously furnished to the Bureau with all details available.

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November 14, 1955

Mr. Tolson:

Jack Steele told me that he is now on the trail of the Cuban situation and it looks to him like General Swing took it upon himself on a misguided way seeking to follow out what he thought was the President's desire of relaxing visas and put into effect the plan to abolish the Visa Office of the State Department in Cuba and set up instead an Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Office to issue visitors' passes and to screen visitors. He has now firmly tied down that INS made a proposal to the State Department to negotiate a treaty to abolish the visa set-up in Cuba; that a tentative agreement had been reached but was not to go into effect until about January 1.

Steele further states that he had learned Senator Kilgore has written a letter to the State Department about INS requesting there be a delay in the new proposal to permit the Senate committee to make a study of it.

Steele further told me he has further been informed that INS made the same approach to Mexico about relaxing on visitors and the Mexicans are not interested and took the position they would wait and see what Cuba does and see what their experience is and INS should then come back and discuss it at a later date.

Jack further stated he understands the whole thing started when the President got into a diplomatic box in Geneva on the fingerprinting of aliens. Upon his return, he was most irritated and instructed that the Government see what could be done to let down the barriers to travelers.

Steele has been trying to get some statement from INS and is being ignored. He is checking on General Swing's whereabouts on November 14 and was going to tell INS that he was going to run the story and if INS wanted to have its side of the story carried, fine; if not, they could deny it. Jack was pretty much irritated and is going to try one last time at INS and is also going to check with the Department. I told Jack I suspected his checking around may have put a damper on some of these matters.

Respectfully,

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Office Memorandum of UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *11/11*

DATE: November 14, 1955

FROM : R. R. ROACH *RR*

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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH [redacted]
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Bocar - General

You will recall that in August, 1955, [redacted] the [redacted] in Mexico, contacted [redacted] in an effort to [redacted] for his office and that on the first contact, [redacted] principal interest appeared to be [redacted]. You will recall that the Director discussed that matter with the Attorney General.

By letter 11-3-55 the Legal Attache, Mexico, advised that confidential informant [redacted] is a very close friend of [redacted] and has discussed with him his relations with [redacted] stated that [redacted] on a rather continuous basis, is contacting him and [redacted] explained that since [redacted] is a representative of [redacted] it is possible for [redacted] to maintain this open liaison on matters of mutual interest. [redacted] states that [redacted] has entertained him, having invited him for drinks quite frequently. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has not made inquiry about [redacted] since the original occasion.

The Legal Attache advises our own effective entree to [redacted] has not been damaged and the operations of our office continue to be as effective as in the past. The Legal Attache feels it is not wise for an American official to [redacted] on a continuing basis as [redacted] is doing since there is a definite risk that some high nationalistic official of Mexican Government might make an issue of such an arrangement. Therefore, the Legal Attache feels that our own approach to the Mexican Government material through reliable Mexican informants is better calculated to provide continuing coverage over a long period of time.

ACTION:

The above is submitted for your information.

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- 1 - N. L. Ferris

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SAC, San Antonio (100-7483)
Director, FBI (100-356015)

November 30, 1955

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Reurlet 11-18-55 setting forth your comments concerning the coverage maintained by the Legal Attache's Office in the border area as described in the Legal Attache's letter of 10-1-55.

With regard to your inquiry concerning [redacted] ^{Mex.} it is noted that his full name is [redacted] He is employed as a mechanic at [redacted] at Reynosa, Tamaulipas, and his residence is at [redacted] Reynosa. He is handled by the Bureau's resident agency in Monterrey, acting through [redacted] who handles him as a cut-out.

With regard to your request for a list of names being prepared by [redacted] for [redacted] you will be furnished a copy of that list as soon as it is received from the Legal Attache's Office.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Legal Attache, Mexico, together with a copy of the San Antonio letter of reference. The Legal Attache's attention is called to advice from San Antonio that the Ezequiel Mora mentioned on page 2 of the Legal Attache's letter of October 1, 1955, is probably identical with Hezekio Mora Navarrete, who now resides in Mexico City. This information should be used to check the veracity of [redacted]

The Legal Attache should also submit his comments regarding the value of the information received by [redacted] from [redacted] and the Bureau should be advised whether [redacted] is furnishing [redacted] any reliable information of interest which he apparently is not furnishing the Resident Agent at Laredo. Consideration of San Antonio's suggestion that insofar as that office is concerned, there is no necessity for [redacted] to maintain contacts with [redacted] should be given on the basis of whether [redacted] is willing and able to furnish information to a Mexican national that he is not furnishing to an American.

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